

FEMA REGION V

short notes on planning # 24

INCLUDING OTHER PLANNING DOCUMENTS

A community that wants to ensure that the requirements of a plan are enforced will endeavor to see that the plan has the broadest reach possible. This can be accomplished by incorporating the plans requirements into the communities other planning mechanisms.

To ensure that the Local Mitigation Plan has a broad reach, the rules implementing the *Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000* found at 44 CFR 201.6©(4)(ii), require that communities that prepare a Local Mitigation Plan to be eligible for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) include:

“A process by which local governments incorporate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate.”

If a community has a comprehensive plan, mitigation requirements can be included in the housing section, the environmental section, the transportation section, the economic development section and other areas of the plan. This ensures that the reduction of damages in the community is not overlooked, when other development or redevelopment is taking place. Likewise, by including the mitigation plan requirements in the communities capital improvement plan can ensure that the community is not spending money to improve the community’s infrastructure in areas that would be best left undeveloped or will encourage the use of additional funds to ensure that the infrastructure is protected from hazards.

Other planning documents that the community may wish to consider integrating your mitigation plan into include:

- The Stormwater Management Plan
- The Community Rating System Floodplain Management Plan

- The Land Use Plan (for those communities that have a land use-plan, but not a comprehensive plan)
- The Emergency Management Plan
- The Transportation Plan
- The Economic Development Plan
- The Community Development Plan
- Various other special use plans.

The key is to integrate the mitigation plan into as many aspects of your community as possible, to ensure safe development for the residents of your community.

